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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 08286

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, MARR, SP
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIP VISITS TO SPAIN

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1. IN RESPONSE TO THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE
AMBASSADOR (REF A AND PREVIOUS), FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
(AND DEFENSE MINISTER) GUTIERREZ MELLADO CALLED THE
CHARGE OCTOBER 31 TO REPORT THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT
COULD NOT APPROVE AT THIS TIME A VISIT BY A NUCLEAR-
POWERED WARSHIP TO PALMA DE MALLORCA.

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2. HE ASSURED THE CHARGE THAT HE HAD CONSULTED WITHIN
THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN
CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY AND IN ALL GOOD FAITH IN
RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THIS MATTER HAS
FOR THE US GOVERNMENT, BUT THAT THE CONCLUSION HAD
BEEN REACHED THAT AT THIS TIME SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE

PREJUDICIAL BOTH FOR THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND FOR THE US GOVERNMENT. (HE SEEMED CLEARLY TO HAVE IN MIND SPANISH GOVERNMENT CONCERN OVER THE CRITICAL POSTURE WHICH HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY TOWARD THE BILATERAL DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY STATEMENTS MADE AT THE RECENT MEETING IN MADRID OF EXECUTIVES OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL.)

3. GUTIERREZ MELLADO SAID HE HOPED THERE MIGHT BE SOME CHANGE IN THIS SITUATION IN SIX MONTHS' TIME, BUT EVEN THIS WAS UNCERTAIN.

4. ONCE HE HAD REJECTED PALMA, AND BY IMPLICATION ALSO BARCELONA, FOR THE VISIT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA, THE CHARGE RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO A LESS PROMINENT PORT, CARTAGENA. GUTIERREZ MELLADO RESPONDED THAT EVEN CARTAGENA WOULD BE RULED OUT FOR THE SAME REASONS. HE REITERATED THAT WE COULD EXPECT FORMAL APPROVAL FOR THE DECEMBER 11-14 VISIT OF THE NIMITZ AND CALIFORNIA TO ROTA AND ADDED THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA WOULD BE WELCOME THERE AS WELL IF THAT WERE CONVENIENT FOR THE US NAVY.

5. IN VIEW OF THIS RESPONSE, NO FORMAL REQUEST WILL BE MADE FOR A VISIT OF THE USS SOUTH CAROLINA (REQUESTED CONFIDENTIAL

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